

Merlot

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Dr. Konstantin Frank Merlot 2014

New York's most award-winning winery since 1962

Winery Background

Dr. Konstantin Frank ignited the "Vinifera Revolution", a movement that forever changed the course of wine growing in the Finger Lakes and the United States. Dr. Frank's vision, knowledge and determination are credited with elevating the New York wine industry from a state of happy mediocrity to a level that today commands world attention. Located on Keuka lake in the Finger Lakes region, Dr. Konstantin Frank Wines features some of the oldest vinifera vines in the United States and continues to produce wines of distinction and quality.

Vinification

Individual parcels were picked at different ripeness level to add complexity. Some of them underwent pre-ferment maceration to aid with color and flavor extraction, while some others were macerated after fermentation to enhance the mouth feel. A 10 month maturation period in European and American oak added layers of complexity, while polishing and integrating all elements.

The Wine

Description: Full bodied and luscious with notes of cured meats, sun dried tomato and bacon. It is a wine that is ready to enjoy now, or one to cellar to develop even more complexity.

Style:	Dry with velvety tannin.
Body:	Full bodied
Vintage Influence:	Warmer year showing rich fruit characters with more earthy notes.
Maturation:	10 months in European and American oak
Cellaring:	Drink now or cellar until 2021
Food Pairing:	Lamb chops, olive tapenade, charcuterie
Analysis:	Alcohol: 13%, Acidity: 0.64 g/100mL, pH: 3.60, Sugar: <0.1%

